



FALL 2022 NEWSLETTER

Dear RBS Members and blues lovers,



Summer BBQ Recap

What a great turnout and fun we had at member Regina Lockwood's beautiful home and backyard on Sunday, Aug. 21. The Jason King Band performed and put on a great show, the BBQ was terrific with side dishes provided by members and guests, and we signed up lots of new members and renewed some existing ones.

Third Thursdays Continue

Our monthly social, Third Thursday starting at 5:15pm, began again in 2022 from April through October. Join us for our last one this year on Thursday, Oct. 20 at Archie's on N. Virginia. First one there, save a table for us. Previous stops have been at Bighorn Tavern, the Lil' Wal, Pub 'n Sub, Great Basin on Victorian Ave., Famous Dave's, and Mama Celeste's Gastropub & Pizzeria in Sparks.



Battle Axe and Tracks Recap

Battle Axe and Tracks inaugural music festival was Oct. 1-2 at Rancho San Rafael. What a show with unbelievable performances both days by the likes of Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Samantha Fish, Sue Foley, Robert Randolph Band, Jimmie Vaughan, and many more on two stages with continues music. The RBS had our own merchandise booth (record sales for us!) and we signed up a few new members plus we did the ID checking and wrist banding for alcohol sales right next to our booth, which was right at the main entrance! We are looking forward to being involved with this festival and helping the organizers again next year. Big shoutout to all the board members, members and a few friends who staffed the booths, all led by our VP and merchandise chair, Steve Kaye.



Samantha Fish Photo courtesy of Dennis Ratto

M*A*S*H B*A*S*H Nov. 5 at Ramada

The Reno Blues Society will hold its annual veteran's benefit dance with a familiar military theme of M*A*S*H B*A*S*H set for the Ramada by Wyndham in Reno on Saturday, Nov. 5. Featuring local favorite blues band Blue Haven as the headliner and local musician and radio personality Max Volume will open the show with a short acoustic and slide guitar set. Doors will open at 6:30 with music from Max about 6:40-7:20 and from Blue Haven from 7:30-10:30pm. Tickets are \$25 and available at www.renobluesociety.org or at the door. In addition, Reno Blues Society (RBS) members get \$5 of 50/50 raffle tickets at the door. This is the 28th year the RBS has raised funds for local veterans' organizations, only missing 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions. This year's beneficiary is Adopt-A-Vet Dental, a local non-profit that helps veterans with dental procedures and expenses. Although not officially a costume party, many attendees will dress in military uniforms, camo or as their favorite character from the 1980's TV sitcom M*A*S*H. Sponsors include the Ramada by Wyndham and Allegra Printing.

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M*A*S*H B*A*S*H

VETERAN'S BENEFIT DANCE

Saturday • November 5, 2022

Doors open at 6:30 pm
Music from 7:30pm - 10:30pm

MUSIC BY
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LOCATION:
Ramada by Wyndham • 1000 E 6th St • Reno, NV

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All proceeds benefit local veteran's non-profit organizations

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Remembering Randy Napolitano

One of our former board members recently passed away – Randy Napolitano. Randy, who was 71 and from Southern California but called Reno home since 1969, was our MC at our dances for many years and was a founding member and de facto secretary of the loose knit but active and fun group the “R” Gang. Randy would send out a weekly email with a different restaurant/bar to meet at for happy hour and meal deals every Friday and organize other social and recreational outings. Old friends could catch up and go to various local special events, music venues and other places. He will be sorely missed. Rest in peace, my friend.

New Merchandise

We have added a hoodie (in heather blue and light pink) with our cool logo on the front. It's a Hanes 50/50 cotton/polyester, heavyweight sweatshirt with a hood. These were unveiled at Battle Axe and Tracks and sold well. We will bring some to M*A*S*H B*A*S*H so bring your cash or a checkbook to purchase one – just \$40.



Webmaster Retires from Duties

A big thank you to Bruce Titus, a long-time member, who has been our webmaster the past five years. Bruce is looking at retiring fulltime soon and has stepped away from his duties as our webmaster. The board will maintain the website as is in the short-term and has started to look at other options for redesigning our website with a merchandise “store”, some updated ticketing options, a historical event listing of our dances with a photo section, and some other features we currently don't have or aren't able to do to the extent we would like. Contact me, president@renoblues.org with ideas or if you are willing to help with this project.

Standing Blues Event at Harrah's Stateline

The Buddy Emmer Blues Band plays every Tuesday from 8-11pm at the Center Stage Bar at Harrah's in Stateline with local and regional guest blues artists featured each week. Check Buddy's Facebook page for updates.

Save the Date – Mardi Gras Feb. 18, 2023

We have the date for Mardi Gras 2023 – Saturday, Feb. 18, three days before Fat Tuesday. We're working on a great band to bring in and still considering two venues, the Ramada and Boomtown. This is also our largest fundraiser with our silent auction that raises funds for our sponsorship at Palisades Tahoe for Bluesday Tuesdays and for our music scholarships. Stay tuned for details.

Silent Auction Help Needed

Paula Nesbitt is chairing our silent auction, which is part of our annual Mardi Gras Dance. As mentioned above, the silent auction proceeds go toward our Palisades Tahoe sponsorship and for our music program for students needing instruments, equipment, or lessons. Reach out to Paula at rbs.auction@gmail.com if you have something to donate, want to help with her committee, or assist with the silent auction during Mardi Gras. Among the duties are...

- Distribute promotional materials;
- Procuring auction items;
- Preparing auction items (bundling, basketing);
- Printing item bid sheets, etc.;
- Event set-up (arranging items on tables; then helping oversee the bidding (yes, you can still go dance)).

Keepin' the blues alive in Reno and Tahoe,

Jamie Klund, President
Reno Blues Society